

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending. Claims 2-14 have been amended to overcome the 35 USC 112 rejection, and not to overcome the prior art. No new matter has been added.

Claims 2-14 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for lacking proper antecedent basis. Claims 2-14 have been amended as recommended by the Examiner. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5-9 and 11-14 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 1216788 A1. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner merely states that this reference discloses the claimed invention without specifically pointing out which features he considers to correspond to each claimed feature. Applicant submits that this reference fails to teach or suggest at least 1) that the first v-shaped groove is directly formed in said shaft body along the rotational direction thereof, and 2) a cross roller bearing. Applicant points out that, according to EP 1216788 A1, the groove is indirectly formed in the shaft body, not “directly” formed in the shaft body. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner specifically point out where these features are taught or withdraw this rejection.

The remaining claims are allowable at least due to their respective dependencies. Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

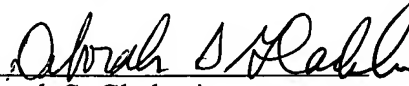
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection

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